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ALLIES STAND BY BELGIUM; WAR UNTIL INVADER IS FORCED TO YIELD

SAYS SUBMARINES FIRST NECESSITY FOR U. S. DEFENSE

Admiral Grant Points Out Need for Large Fleet to Defend Our Coasts

NAVY DEPARTMENT IS AGAINST GREAT SPEED

No Encouragement Given Congressmen Who Talk of 25-Knot Divers

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Admiral Albert W. Grant, commanding the submarine fleet of the Atlantic, today told the house committee on naval affairs that the safest defensive policy is first to build a great number of submarines, then scout cruisers, next battle-cruisers and finally dreadnoughts.

He recommended that 183 submarines be the minimum number needed for American defense and that there should be for these 3552 enlisted men, 333 warrant officers and 333 commissioned officers.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The navy department has decided to keep within conservative bounds in the matter of the speed of submarines. Reliable advice from abroad indicate that 18 knots is the highest speed yet attained and that by an English submarine.

The last naval appropriation bill provided for two racing submarines of a speed of 25 knots, although the secretary of the navy was authorized to use his discretion in the matter, and allowing him to purchase a requirement to 20 knots of speed if it advisable.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR FILIPINOS TO BE CITIZENS OF U. S.

Filipinos are not eligible to American citizenship, and the naturalization laws are not construed to include them, according to the contention of District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan.

If orders are issued by the local federal court admitting Filipinos to naturalization, the district attorney says he will take steps toward having the orders cancelled. In taking such steps, he adds, he will be acting under instructions from the bureau of naturalization of the department of labor.

During the last few months in 1915, the federal court clerk's office was besieged with Filipinos seeking to file their first papers. During that period, the declarations of intention to become American citizens were accepted from more than 30 Filipinos, the majority of whom stated they were laborers.

District Attorney Vaughan, while declaring that he does not wish to enter into any controversy in the matter of the right of Filipinos to become American citizens, calls attention to the decision of a judge in the eastern district of Pennsylvania in the case of Eugenio Alviero, a Filipino, which decision finds that for two stated reasons, a Filipino is not eligible to citizenship.

The first reason given is that a Filipino is not eligible to citizenship.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	22 1/2	23 1/4
American Smelter	110 1/2	102
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 1/2
Atchafalpa	102 1/2	103 1/2
Baldwin	111	112
Baltimore & Ohio	87	87 1/2
Calumet	47 1/2	46 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	31	32 1/2
Canadian Pacific	116 1/2	117 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	94 1/2	95
Colo. Fuel & Iron	45 1/2	46 1/2
Crucible Steel	80 1/2	82 1/2
Erie Common	36 1/2	37 1/2
General Electric	170	170
General Motors	408	417 1/2
Great Northern Pfd	120 1/2	121 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	110 1/2	110 1/2
New York Central	105 1/2	105 1/2
Pennsylvania	57	57 1/2
Southern Pacific	99 1/2	99 1/2
Studebaker	150 1/2	152 1/2
Tennessee Copper	59	59 1/2
Union Pacific	113	113 1/2
U. S. Steel	83	82 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd	116 1/2	117 1/2
Western Union	88 1/2	89
Westinghouse Electric	66 1/2	67 1/2

TAXING OFFICERS' AUTOS UPHELD IN WASHINGTON VIEW

War Department Opposes Exempting Personal Property From Payments

That the war department opposes exempting army officers in Hawaii from taxation of personal property is the significant news published in the Army and Navy Register.

While the class of personal property over which the issue arose is not mentioned, it is evident that the familiar subject of taxation of army officers' autos is meant. This has already been in the local courts.

The Register says: "The war department has disapproved the request of Gen. John P. Wisner, U. S. army, in command of the Hawaiian department, for the enactment of legislation to exempt from taxation the Hawaiian territory personal property of persons employed in the military service of the United States in Hawaii and used by them incident to such service."

Gen. Wisner says: "The impression seems to prevail here that, unless personal property is actually furnished by the government or the possession of the property is ordered by the war department, such property is subject to taxation even though used incident to the service. There are many articles the possession of which is not mandatory nor absolutely necessary which are used in main incident to the service and are purchased by officers for the purpose of making them better qualified for the duties expected and which actually enable them to perform their duties in a more efficient manner."

"To this class belong professional books, certain uniforms permitted but not absolutely required, polo mounds, polo equipment, household furniture necessary to live in the manner expected of officers, bicycles and motorcycles owned by officers and enlisted men and used by them on many occasions for military purposes, automobiles used in the main part strictly on official business or incident thereto, and extra mounts. While it is true that it is possible for the officer or soldier to perform military duty without the above, it is equally true that where he is willing to expend his private funds for their purchase and use and to use them in the performance of his military duty, there is voluntary increase in military efficiency as should not be impaired by taxation."

"The war department takes the view that, while Congress has plenary legislative power over the territories, there seems to be no good reason why Congress should be asked by the war department to make a rule of taxation in favor of officers of the army stationed in Hawaii which they may not enjoy within a state and which would deprive the territory of a source of revenue which has been uniformly recognized as valid to the states. It is added that the personal property of an officer which he is not required to keep and use in the military service is, when not situated at a place under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, subject to local taxation."

EXPECT 10,000 JAPANESE WILL JOIN IN PARADE

Every Organization of Nipponese in City Work to Tuesday Night's Success

SIX WHISTLES AND SIX BOMBS TO MARK OPENING

Every Noise-Making Device in City Will Be Used One Minute Monday Evening

Japanese stores in Honolulu, both large and small, will be gaily decorated during Carnival week, and so general is being the response to the plea for support of the lantern parade next Tuesday night that estimates of those to be in line run as high as 10,000.

Funds for use in decorating for the big lantern parade will be raised in various sections. The South King Street Japanese Association, at a meeting Monday night, voted to raise a large fund for this purpose, and other district organizations are falling in line. According to the members of the committee, 1000 members are expected to enter the lantern parade from the South King Street Association.

Estimates as to the number of participants in the Japanese lantern parade run from 5000 to 10,000, and many prominent Japanese merchants predict that the number in the parade will be much closer to the latter figure. Every Japanese association in the city will be represented in the parade.

Every Japanese school in the city will have the entire student body out in force in the big parade, and in addition to this the Christian and Buddhist societies will send a large representation.

This morning the members of the committee reported that 200 Japanese from Moiliili had consented to enter the parade next Tuesday, and the Japanese Contractors' Association had

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NO. 4 RESERVOIR IS UNSANITARY, GOVERNOR SAYS

Withholds Approval of Proposed Loan Fund Work Until Conditions are Better

Approval of the governor to all the work contemplated by the Oahu Loan Fund Commission, except the Maole conduit and dam project and the 30-inch connection with No. 3 reservoir, was refused by the commission at its meeting this morning. In a communication to the commission, the governor declared that he would take no action in those matters while No. 4 reservoir was in its present unsanitary condition. The board of health was requested to report on the condition of the reservoir by the commission.

Authorization to lay sewer pipes on federal government property on Queen street, near Fort street, was contained in a letter addressed to the commission by the war department, and read at the meeting. H. E. Parrish was appointed an assistant to the engineer. Three bids for equipment for the Kaakaoo sewer pumping plant were awarded to the Hawaiian Electric Company; a lone bid, that of the Honolulu Iron Works, for cast iron pipe for the same plant was opened and referred to the engineer, and the commission adjourned. An inspection of the Punaluu sewer will be made by the members of the commission Monday morning.

LAWRENCE JUDD NAMED HEAD OF COMMERCIAL CLUB BY GOVERNORS

Lawrence M. Judd, one of the most active members of the Commercial Club, was elected president today to succeed Albert Waterhouse, who is to leave soon on a business trip to Malaysia which may keep him there many months.

To succeed Mr. Judd as vice-president, the board of governors elected J. E. Sheedy. The meeting was held at noon.

KEMP IN OFFICE OF ASSISTANT, BUT GETS NO APPOINTMENT YET

Although he has not been appointed to any office, Judge Samuel B. Kemp, formerly of Texas, and a likely candidate for the position of assistant U. S. attorney here, has opened temporary offices in the federal building—in the big room where the assistant attorney, when there is one, holds forth.

'FIX UP ROADS' IS ADVICE TO CITY OF CHICAGO MAN

'And Remove Your Duck Ponds' Adds J. F. Skinner During His Talk to Ad Club Men

ALL READY FOR BIG NIGHT TO OPEN CARNIVAL

Harry Strange Reports That Preliminary Arrangements are Complete

"It is really a strange thing for a man connected with the mail order business to talk before the members of an Ad Club, and perhaps this is the first time in history that this event has happened, but nevertheless I am glad to meet a collection of live wires," said J. F. Skinner of the Sears-Roebuck Company, who was the principal speaker at the Ad Club luncheon today at the Alexander Young Hotel.

"I am very much impressed with your excellent stores here, and I can safely say the same thing for your hotels. You have a wonderful climate, and I hope you will all take advantage of your natural features. Fix up your roads, beautify your parks and remove your duck ponds and you will surely have a city that tourists will want to visit."

In conclusion Mr. Skinner said that he was particularly impressed with the Y. M. C. A. here, and stated that the Oahu Country Club grounds are not excelled in America.

Harry Strange, chairman of the Ad Club Carnival committee, reported that preliminary arrangements for Ad Club Night of the Carnival had been completed, and that he hoped that all Ad Club members would participate in the various events.

Albion Clark, chairman of the road committee, announced that improvements would be made on Beretania and Kalakaua avenues and that the new sweeper would be placed on the roads soon, only he feared that the sweeper would sweep the roads away.

President Wallace R. Farrington stated that if the sweeper could do that, it would be a good investment for Honolulu.

J. M. Riggs urged members of the club to be present at the big Ad Club luncheon at the Hawaiian Village next Wednesday. S. A. Fenig of the Coast Artillery band said that he would be glad to cooperate in making the Carnival period a big success, and complimented the Ad Club on the spirit that they have shown in boosting the Carnival.

H. E. Vernon, local agent of the Santa Fe, was voted in as a member of the Ad Club after he had said a number of good things about the club and Honolulu. Miss Bernice Holmes, accompanied by Miss Bella Fay, entertained the club with three vocal solos. Philip Hall also rendered the Ad Club song, "I Love You Honolulu."

NEW SCOUT TENT IS INVENTION OF JAMES A. WILDER

Hawaii many gain a thousand dollars' worth or more of free advertising from the Hawaii Boy Scouts' tent, made by F. J. Burch of Pueblo, Colorado, from a special design invented by James A. Wilder, Scout Commissioner for Hawaii.

Sixteen of the tents arrived yesterday on the Matson steamer Wilhelm from San Francisco and will be used in the Scout Rally program February 26, the closing day of the Mid-Pacific Carnival.

Each tent is seven by five feet in size, and will accommodate one or two boys. The tent is made in America, of American goods, and has been named the Hawaii Boy Scouts' Tent, in honor of Mr. Wilder and the scouts of the islands.

GOVERNOR GETS FIRST CHANCE TO LOOK OVER COST OF FORBES TRIP

Expenses of Charles R. Forbes, chairman of the harbor board and public utilities commission, on his trip to Washington in behalf of the territory were referred to the governor for his approval this morning.

Usually such accounts go directly to the territorial auditor's office, but J. H. Fisher, the auditor, said today that he had not seen Mr. Forbes' account and knew nothing of it.

"No. Mr. Kemp has not been appointed," said Horace W. Vaughan, district attorney. "He's only familiarizing himself with the affairs of the office."

G. O. P. OF NEW YORK OPPOSES BOOM OF ROOT

Attempt to Get Through Endorsement Fails; Senator Wadsworth Makes Eloquent Speech

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Senator James Wadsworth, Jr., the young New York congressman, in an address today before the Republican state convention declared that the country faces one of the most critical periods in its history.

The destiny of the republic for a century to come may well be determined by the conduct of the government and the sentiments exercised and expressed by the people during the next four years, he said. He asserted that unless there is a protective tariff wall created, there will fall upon American trade an unprecedented foreign industrial invasion. The Democratic policy in the Philippines he described as "heartless and cynical."

An attempt to get an endorsement of Ex-Senator Elihu Root for the presidency failed, the convention declining to make an endorsement.

NITROGLYCERINE KILLS MANAGER, DAMAGES PLANT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 16.—Charles Baker, manager of the Washington Torpedo Company, was blown to atoms today while handling nitro-glycerine in the plant. The factory itself sustained a great damage in the terrific explosion.

NEW YORK'S ONLY NEW PROJECT TO BE RECOMMENDED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—All new rivers and harbors projects except that for New York harbor improvement were voted down today by the house committee on rivers and harbors.

This probably settles adversely the fate at this session of Congress of the New York, Canal, harbor improvement project.

U. S. AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA QUILTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PETROGRAD, Russia, Feb. 16.—Ambassador George Mayne has resigned on account of ill-health.

Rumors have been afloat in Washington for some time that Ambassador Mayne would resign. When his wife came to America last fall the report was revived, though it was denied at that time. Ill-health is the only reason ascribed for the decision to quit at this time.

RULE TO CONTROL HOG CHOLERA TO BE TALKED OVER

New rules and regulations to control and suppress hog cholera and other swine diseases in the territory will be discussed, and possibly adopted, at a meeting of the board of commissioners of agriculture and forestry, which will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the offices of J. M. Dowsett on Merchant street.

ENTENTE GROUP WILL RENEW PACT; LATEST GERMAN NOTE ON LUSITANIA IS PRESENTED

BERLIN SENDS NEW DRAFT WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE ACCEPTED BY U. S. ADMINISTRATION—GREAT BRITAIN PLANS EMPIRE-BUILDING AFTER WAR—SPECIAL WORK TO BIND COLONIES—GERMAN AND FRENCH CLAIMS CONTRADICT

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
HAVRE, France, Feb. 16.—A renewal and a vigorous reaffirmation of the pact by which all the Allies bind themselves to stand by Belgium and win back her territory is shortly to be made by the Entente Powers.

They have decided to make formal renewal of the agreement not to end hostilities until the political and economic independence of Belgium has been reestablished and the Belgians are indemnified for the damage they have sustained in the war.

Von Bernstorff Gives Lansing Note Which May Settle Lusitania Issues

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Ambassador von Bernstorff of Germany today presented to Secretary of State Lansing the latest draft of the agreement Germany suggests to end the Lusitania controversy. This agreement, it is learned, embodies the changes America suggested and also one suggested by Germany. The indications are that the draft will prove acceptable to the United States and the controversy will be ended.

It is understood that on behalf of Germany, Count von Bernstorff's reply accepts the suggestion made by the United States that the words "recognizes liability" for the death of American citizens in the sinking of the Lusitania be substituted for the words "assumes liability," contained in the former answer.

Officials of the state department made it known last night that with the changes above mentioned the two governments are in substantial accord, and that few if any details remain to be settled at the conference which is to be held today between the secretary and the German ambassador.

French And German Announcements On West Front Are Contradictory

PARIS, France, Feb. 16.—With the use of hand-grenades the French have stormed and recaptured part of the trenches lost at Tature.

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 16.—Three British attacks made to recover the trenches southeast of Ypres have failed. The French also failed to recover ground lost at Tature.

The following cablegram was received today from official German sources:

"German Headquarters, Feb. 16.—Yesterday evening the English attacked three without success a position southeast of Ypres which was taken by the Germans. One hundred English were captured. "The French in Champagne tried again to take back the positions lost northwest of Tature but failed as on the preceding day. "Stormy and rainy weather has hampered activity generally, and a snowstorm today swept the whole east front."

British World-Empire to Be Built After War; Plan Launched in London

LONDON, England, Feb. 16.—Rider Haggard, the noted author and advocate of British imperialism, left today on a world-mission undertaken for the Royal Colonial Institute, to investigate the chances for empire-building after the war. The plan is designed largely to prevent emigration to foreign countries or British soldiers and their families, and direct them instead to British colonies.

This is the latest phase of the imperial movement seeking to bind the mother country and the overseas dominions into a vast confederacy.

Russians Claim Erzerum Has Fallen

LONDON, England, Feb. 16.—A despatch to Renter's Telegram agency from Petrograd says that the Russians have captured Erzerum, on the Mesopotamia side of Trans-Caucasus. For this city heavy fighting has been in progress for weeks.

ANOTHER 'FIRE' NEAR MUNITIONS FOR THE ALLIES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The steamship Bolton Castle lying at the Pacific pier here was destroyed today and the pier also. The steamer Palladia and 20 scows and lighters were damaged. Two people are missing.

The loss will amount to \$3,000,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. Several steamers were lying at the pier loading munitions for the Allies.

MISSISSIPPI IS POURING FLOODS OVER LOWLANDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 16.—With the breaking of the Mississippi levee at several places, the Mississippi river is pouring huge floods through a thousand-foot crevasse in the retaining walls at Limerick. Newelton is under six feet of water and the floods are still rising. Boats are used to rescue the marooned inhabitants of the inundated country. The third drowning of the week was reported today.

Floods are rushing upon St. Joseph, Louisiana.

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